



MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: C.J. Bakken et al. Attorney Docket No.: TALL121495
Application No.: 10/775,389 Art Unit: 2854 / Confirmation No.: 8886
Filed: February 10, 2004 Examiner: A.H. Evans
Title: PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

August 12, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Response Transmittal

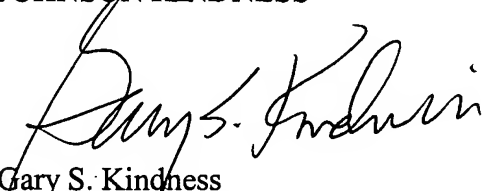
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Respectfully submitted,

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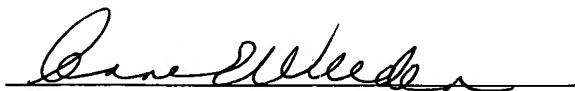

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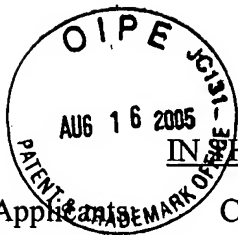
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Applicants submit the following remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application at an early date.

Claims 1-10, 14-15, and 19-21 are pending in the application. Claims 11-13, 16-18, and 22-24 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in an Office Action mailed May 18, 2005 (hereinafter "Office Action"). Claims 2-8 were noted as containing allowable subject matter if combined with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14-15 and 19-21 were noted as allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notice of allowable subject matter.

In view of the remarks that follow, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Election of Species

In a telephone conversation dated May 13, 2005, between the Examiner and applicants' representative, a provisional election, without traverse, was made to prosecute the species of Group I (Claims 1-10, 14-15, and 19-21). Applicants hereby affirm the election of species of Group I (Claims 1-10, 14-15, and 19-21) made during the May 13, 2005, telephone conversation.

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